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Mr. Mike McAteer  
U.S. EPA (SR-6J)  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago IL 60604

Dear Mr. McAteer:

We wanted you to see an advance copy of the first "Creekside Commentary," a newsletter published by Solutia's W. G. Krummrich Plant for residents in the Sauget and Cahokia area who have an interest in the cleanup work being performed in Dead Creek.

We will publish this newsletter periodically and mail it to residents and businesses in the affected area. It's important to us that the residents understand what is happening during this cleanup process.

If you have any comments about the newsletter, or any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Solutia Community Hotline phone number: (618) 910-2332.

We will continue to keep you on our newsletter mailing list, unless you contact us to have your name removed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Ridenhower". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Don Ridenhower  
Coordinator, Community Affairs

# Creekside Commentary

## Work Begins

Work has begun on the cleanup of Dead Creek. Here are a few of the things you may have noticed or will soon see:

**Week of October 23:** A USEPA Order issued to Solutia May 31, 2000 requires the removal of all sediments in Dead Creek and placement in an approved containment cell. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) will oversee all work. In preparation for this work, a gravel lot was constructed on Judith Lane to accommodate two construction trailers and parking for workers. The two trailers will provide field offices for the USEPA, Maverick Construction Company and other field operations personnel.

**October 23 through the end of November:** Dewatering work begins on the creek. Dewatering means drying out the creek bed in preparation for removal of the sediments (creek bottoms). High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe will be installed along the length of the creek, beginning with the area between Queeny Avenue and Judith Lane. The HDPE pipe will eventually extend to



*Culvert work through late November.*

the western side of Route 3. It will take several months to dry out the creek sediments. Once the sediments are dry, they will be removed and placed in the cell without the need for further drying.

**Culvert work at Cargill Road through late November:** This work will improve flow in the creek. You may have seen Cahokia police stationed near this work. Solutia is paying the Village of Cahokia to have off-duty police officers secure the area on Cargill Road due to the high volume of tractor-trailer traffic going to the river and the heavy construction equipment crossing the road on a frequent basis. Police officers also ensure the safety of residents by allowing only authorized personnel near the construction zone.

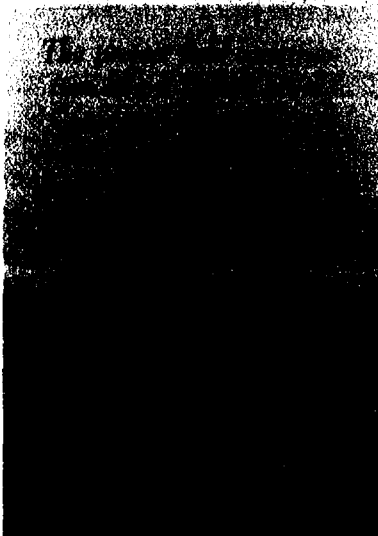
"Creekside Commentary," a newsletter from Solutia's Krummrich Plant will put you informed of the happenings. If you have questions, concerns or comments, please contact Don Howner at the Solutia Community Center at 310-2332.

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## Water Main Break

In October, during excavation for the field construction parking lot on Judith Lane, workers broke a water main. The water district was unaware the main existed and had not marked it prior to construction.

The water district took full responsibility for the break and repaired the main promptly.



Solutia has been part of this community for nearly 100 years. Many of Solutia's employees and their families live in this community. We want to be a good neighbor. That's why it's important to Solutia to work with the United States Environmental Protection

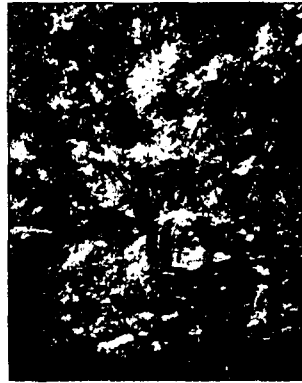
Agency (USEPA) to clean up the area in an environmentally responsible way.

Solutia has agreed to work with the USEPA to remove sediments from Dead Creek, which runs through Sauget and Cahokia. Solutia is taking this project on alone, even though there are a number of other companies responsible for the environmentally affected sediments in the creek.

The schedule now calls for creek dewatering to begin in November, acquiring work plan approvals for the sediment excavation and cell construction in late November and then going out for bid on the project to build the 50,000 cubic yard containment cell for the creek sediments.

The cell will be located between Judith Lane and Queeny Avenue. Bid awards for the sediment excavation

and cell construction should be made in early 2001, with the sediment excavation and cell construction beginning in early spring.



In addition to removal of the creek sediments, Solutia is studying other areas along the creek. Soil samples have been collected from 20 homes located along the creek or within close proximity to the

creek within the study area.

Solutia has shared the data from these samples with the homeowners. Solutia supports USEPA's opinion with respect to these soil samples that "Preliminary results show no unsafe levels of metals, PCBs, or other contaminants associated with Dead Creek contamination."

Ground water, surface water, creek sediment and air samples have also been collected in the area. The data has been sent to the USEPA. Solutia's experts will conduct a detailed analysis of the data, which should be completed by spring 2001. When approved by the USEPA, this data will be available in the Cahokia Public Library.

If you have questions or comments about any aspect of this project, feel free to contact Don Ridenhower at the Solutia Community Hotline number: (618) 910-2332.